



Consumers warned about undeclared wheat in Gitto Farm n' Kitchen brand Spelt Tortillas

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MADISON –Consumers with wheat allergies are advised to not consume Spelt Tortillas produced and sold by Gitto Farm n' Kitchen in Watertown, Wisconsin, according to food safety officials from the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection. The product, manufactured before April 8, 2015, contains spelt, which is not declared as wheat on the ingredients label.

Wheat can cause serious reactions in people with an allergy or severe sensitivity. No illnesses have been reported from consuming these products. The products are safe to consume by those who do not have an allergy or intolerance to wheat or wheat products.

Currently, the FDA requires that all spelt products be labeled as containing wheat because spelt and wheat are closely related. They interpret "wheat" to include not only common wheat and durum wheat, but also spelt, emmer, einkorn, kamut, and others.

The operator of Gitto Farm n' Kitchen has proactively contacted the firm's retail outlets to remove the product from shelves, and is relabeling in-stock product. However, it is possible that consumers may have this incorrectly labeled product in their homes.

This product is sold in select retail outlets across Wisconsin and at farmer's markets in the Madison and greater Milwaukee areas.

Symptoms of a food allergy may include swelling, itching or irritation of the mouth, nose, throat, eyes and skin; difficulty breathing; cramps, nausea or vomiting; diarrhea; or anaphylaxis. While most people do not have food allergies, anyone who eats a specific food and experiences symptoms should consult a doctor.

Consumers with a wheat allergy should either return the product to the place of purchase or dispose of it. Consumers and media with questions about this advisory can contact Greg Gitto at 920-648-4191.

For more information on other food product recalls or food allergens, contact the Division of Food Safety at 608-224-4700, by e-mail at datcpfood@wisconsin.gov; or online at datcp.wi.gov.

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